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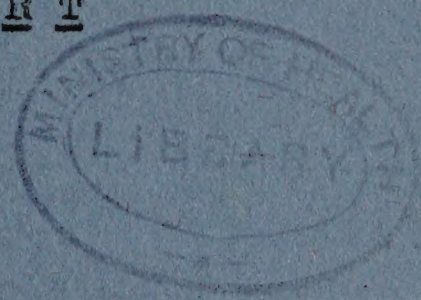
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Medical Officer of Health.

BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1954.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
 the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for the year 1954.

During the year under review, Government control of slaughtering ceased and the Council had to consider what steps it should take to ensure that adequate facilities for slaughtering animals for meat supply were available within the Borough. After considerable discussion, which included consultation with the adjacent Local Authorities, it was agreed that one slaughterhouse within the Borough should be licenced. This was done, but the premises have not in fact been used, as adequate meat supplies are available from outside the Borough. In view of the fact that much of the meat consumed within the Borough came from a slaughterhouse just outside its boundary, it was agreed with the neighbouring Authority that the services of your Sanitary Inspector should be made available for meat inspection in the slaughterhouse. The arrangement is working well.

It will be recalled that in my last report I mentioned that negotiations with the Water Company were in progress relating to the provision of more up to date chlorinating plant. Work on installing this has been in progress throughout the year, and I am pleased to report that at the time of writing this report, the installation has been completed.

I have shewn both the crude and the adjusted birth and death rates in the Vital Statistics this year. The adjusted rates are obtained from Comparability Factors supplied by the Registrar General. These make allowances for differing age, and sex distribution of the populations of different areas. The adjusted rates thus enabling a more accurate comparison with other districts to be made.

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There has been a fall in the birth rate this year for the first time for several years. The crude death rate is a little higher than last year, but when adjusted compares well with the average for England and Wales as a whole.

The two most prevalent infectious diseases within the Borough are whooping cough and measles. Protective immunisation against the former is now available combined with that against diphtheria, either at ones own doctor's surgery or at the Welfare Centre. Parents are advised to avail themselves of these facilities and get their infants protected within their first six to eight months. Similarly vaccination against smallpox is very well worth while having done in infancy as it will then save much trouble in later life.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Registrar-General's estimated population (mid-1954)2,450.
Number of inhabited houses as at 31st. December 19541,196.
Rateable Value as at 31st. December 1954£23,798.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
LIVE BIRTHS Legitimate	20	8	12
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>20</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>

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	<u>Southwold.</u>	<u>Comparative figure for England & Wales.</u>
BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1954	8.2 (Crude) 12.5 (Adjusted)	15.2
STILLBIRTHS	Nil	
DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated resident population mid-1954	15.5 (Crude) 8.9 (Adjusted)	11.3
DEATHS of INFANTS under ONE year of age	Nil.	

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm; stomach	1	1	1
Malignant neoplasm; lung and bronchus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm; breast	1	1	1
Malignant neoplasm; uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	3	6
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	-	4
Coronary disease, angina	6	2	8
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
Other heart disease	1	5	6
Other circulatory disease	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	2	3	5
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>38</u>

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COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	
Population	2,449	2,441	2,419	2,407	2,450	
Births	23	21	28	30	20	
Birth rate per 1,000	9.4	8.6	11.2	12.55	8.2	Crude
					12.5	Adjusted
Deaths	49	45	37	32	38	
Death rate per 1,000	20.1	18.4	12.4	13.9	15.5	Crude
					8.9	Adjusted
Infant deaths	--	2	--	--	--	
Infant Mortality rate	--		--	--	--	
per 1,000 live births	--	95.2	--	--	--	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year compared with 1953:-

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1953</u>
Whooping Cough	37	-
Measles	92	25
Pneumonia	2	9
Tuberculosis	1	-

Details of the sanitary work carried out within the Borough during the year are detailed in the Sanitary Inspector's Report which follows herewith.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR C. GEE.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930
Population	2,440	2,440	2,441	2,441	2,440
Males	1,220	1,220	1,220	1,220	1,220
Females	1,220	1,220	1,221	1,221	1,220
Birth rate per 1,000	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Adjusted	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Deaths	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
Adjusted	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
Infant deaths	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
Adjusted	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
Infant mortality rate	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
per 1,000 live births	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5

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I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obedient servant,

ARTHUR G. EBB.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1954.

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the sanitary conditions in the Borough for the year 1954.

WATER SUPPLY.

A wholesome and sufficient supply of water for all requirements has been maintained throughout the year by the Southwold Waterworks Company Limited.

SEWERAGE.

The system has worked satisfactorily during the year.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The Contractors, Messrs. May Bros. continue to give entire satisfaction.

All house refuse is being tipped and kept under control.

CONDEMNED MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

260 lbs. of meat were condemned during the year, due to bone taint.

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The following tinned and other foods were also condemned:-

Salmon	7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.
Corned beef	12 lbs.
Pork luncheon meat	4 lbs.
Brisket of beef	5 lbs.
Stewed steak	1 lb.
Evaporated milk	10 $\frac{3}{4}$ pints.
Cheese	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Currants	36 lbs.
Seedless raisins	40 lbs.
Peaches	3 lbs. 10 ozs.
Pineapple slices	3 lbs.
Apricot halves	1 lb.
Plums	1 lb. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND BAKERIES.

These have been inspected from time to time but practically no defects were discovered during the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There have been no contraventions of the Factory Act.

DAIRIES AND RETAIL PURVEYORS OF MILK.

Two supplementary licences for the sale of Pasteurised and Tuberculin Tested milk respectively were issued by your Council, also three Dealers Licences authorising the use of the special designation Tuberculin Tested and Pasteurised. The two local dairies have been inspected periodically and the standard of cleanliness has been good.

HOUSING.

Your Council have commenced the erection of ten semi-detached houses, four of which front upon Cautley Road and the remainder form a cul-de-sac off Field Stile Road. Six of

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these houses were completed by December 1954.

Action has been taken when necessary requiring the owners of private houses to remedy defects.

C. R. DRIVER.

Sanitary Inspector.

August 1955.

